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APPLICANT: DIXT, ET AL.)
SERIAL NO.: 10/758,347) Group Art Unit: 1713
FILED: JANUARY 15, 2004)
FOR: METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF AN) Before the Examiner:
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Request for IDS Consideration and
Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated October 28, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the art cited in an IDS filed on November 10, 2004, and provide Applications with an initialed copy of PTO Form 1449 as well as a supplemental Notice of Allowance.

Regarding the Examiner's reasons for allowance, Applicants would like to clarify a typographical error on page 3 in the description of the Hildreth et al. reference. In the description of the reference, the Examiner states:

The prior art discloses the method to a dye based on a phenyl as opposed to a biphenyl substituent disclosed in the instant invention and *does* suggest or teach the substitution of phenyl with biphenyl groups.

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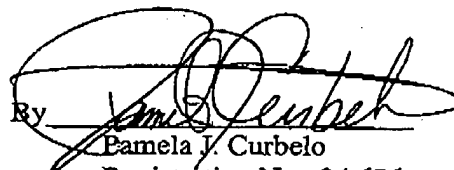
(Page 3, lines 7 – 9, *emphasis added*) Since Hildreth et al. do not suggest or teach the substitution of phenyl with biphenyl groups, and since the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection, Applicants contend that “does” should have read “does not”:

The prior art discloses the method to a dye based on a phenyl as opposed to a biphenyl substituent disclosed in the instant invention and *does not* suggest or teach the substitution of phenyl with biphenyl groups.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this correspondence or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0862.

Respectfully submitted,

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